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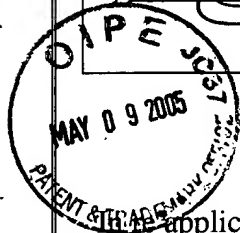
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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application of:

**JOHN CLARK LAGARIAS, TAKAYUKI
KOICHI, NICOLE FRANKENBERG,
GREGORY A. GAMBETTA, and BERONDA
L. MONTGOMERY**

Application No.: **09/870,406**

Filed: **5/29/2001**

For: **HY2 FAMILY OF BILIN
REDUCTASES**

Examiner: Young D. Pak

Art Unit: 1652

Confirmation No: 7073

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

Dear Sir:

This paper is filed in response to the Office Action dated April 6, 2004. A Notice of Appeal was filed on October 6, 2004. Accordingly the following documents are enclosed herewith:

- 1) A petition to extend the period of response for five months; and
- 2) A Request for Continued Examination.

Please amend the specification and/or claims as shown herein.